



STATE PRESERVES ADVISORY BOARD

October 4, 2003 – 8:30 AM

Cherokee County Conservation Board Office
629 River Road
Cherokee, Iowa

The Board will also tour Steele Prairie on Friday October 3, 2003. The tour is open to the public and will begin at 1:00 p.m. The preserve is located 1 mile north and 2.5 miles west of Larrabee.

---Agenda Topics---

1	Approve Agenda	Decision
2	Approve Minutes of July Meeting	Decision
3	Steele Prairie – The Board will have toured the site on October 3 to examine problems associated with the roadside ditch on the north side of the preserve.	Information (John Pearson)
4	<p>Preserve nomination updates:</p> <p>Banister-McGregor Woods- The floristic study funded by the Preserves Board is in progress; a report is expected in December. District court decided that the County Engineer can access the McGregor property to conduct studies after a 30-day notice.</p> <p>Hartman Bluff- Dedication papers are being prepared. A ceremony is planned for October 5 in which Laura Jackson is a featured speaker.</p> <p>Glenwood Resource Center- The first meeting of the team to develop a management plan is October 30.</p> <p>Coralville sites- Neil Bernstein visited prospective preserve sites around Coralville Reservoir with Tom Madsen. Tours of these sites plus the nearby Lake MacBride State Park and Sand Woods nominations may be included in the 2004 schedule.</p> <p>DeLong Savanna- Five Board members toured the site on September 13.</p> <p>Baylor Prairie- Report on amphibian, reptile, and small mammals by EcoCentrics has been completed.</p> <p>Slayton Round Barn- Board toured site at July meeting. Management plan needs to be written.</p>	Information (John Pearson and others)
5	Proposal by Linn County for mediation of Highway 100 issue- Ellen Habel, Grants and Communications Manager for Linn County, has proposed that stakeholders, including the State Preserves Advisory Board, participate in a mediation process to resolve the issues pertaining to the proposed extension of Highway 100 in Cedar Rapids.	Decision (John Pearson)

6	Scenic Preserve criteria study- The committee convened by the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation met on August 18 and September 22.	Information (Robin Fortney, John Pearson)
7	Starr's Cave State Preserve- A footbridge across Flint Creek to the cave is proposed for construction by the Des Moines County Conservation Board. The present approaches to the cave are by wading the stream or by scrambling down a steep slope. An informational booklet is included with the agenda package.	Decision (John Pearson)
8	Friends of the Preserves- Next steps need to be identified.	Information (Neil Bernstein)
9	Iowa Conservationist articles for preserves- Update and next steps.	Information (Neil Bernstein)
10	Open Discussion	Information (Neil Bernstein)
11	Meeting Schedule for 2004- Boards needs to establish meeting dates and locations for next year.	Decision (Board)